

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION

OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HELD IN ROOM 374-A

OF THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION

500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

Wednesday, October 20, 2010 9:00 AM

Present: President Afriat, Vice President Campbell,

Commissioner Vasquez

Excused: Secretary Wood, Commissioner Barger

Pledge of Allegiance led by President of the Commission

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

1. Approval of the Minutes from the meeting of October 13, 2010. (10-2375)

On motion of Vice President Campbell, seconded by President Afriat, the Minutes of October 13, 2010 were approved with the following corrections: Page 2; Review and Discussion of Rules and Procedures for Charitable Solicitations, motion seconded by President Afriat.

Ave: 2 - President Afriat, Vice President Campbell

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Vasquez

Attachments: SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. Hearing on recommendation to deny Massage Parlor-General Business License ID #136801, for A+ Relaxing Arcadia, Ping Han Kieta, owner located at 4177 Live Oak Avenue, Arcadia, CA 91006 in the Fifth District. (continued from September 22, 2010) (10-2376) Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector reported that the Massage Parlor/General application is being recommended for denial by the Sheriff's Department. Ben Garcia, Sheriff's Department reported that owner Ping Han Kieta was unable to prove she is the sole owner and is unfamiliar with the Los Angeles County Business License Title 7. Mr. Garcia stated, Ms. Kieta's by her own admission signs document when instructed by her husband. In September 2008, Ms. Kieta was cited by the Sheriff's Department for working without a Massage Technician license.

Ms. Kieta expressed that she has since complied with County departments to obtain all the necessary permits to open her business. Ms. Hernandez informed the applicant that Massage Technician licenses are tied to the location of the business and she would have to reapply if her Massage Parlor license is approved.

President Afriat expressed that the Commission took Sheriff's Departments objections seriously, but no report of criminal activity was reported regarding the business. The applicant presented to the Commission the approved CUP and insurance paperwork.

Ms. Hernandez reiterated that the applicant must be licensed by the County and the technicians working at the business location must be licensed by the County before the business is operable.

On motion of President Afriat and seconded by Commissioner Vasquez the Commission overturned the recommendation to deny Massage Parlor/General Business License ID #136801, with following conditions:

- Six month review of business before the Business License Commission
- All locks on all rooms other then exterior to the public street be removed
- Owner understands that the Sheriff, Public Health and all other public safety departments of the County have the right to inspect the location during business hours
- Owner understands that all technicians are licensed by the County, including the owner in order to work in the facility
- The front door remain unlocked during business hours
- Applicant agree to meet with the Sheriff's Department within the next 60 days to work on demonstrating further understanding of Title 7 and provide a report at the BLC hearing in six months

Aye: 3 - President Afriat, Vice President Campbell Commissioner Vasquez

Attachments: SUPPORTING DOCUMENT

3. Hearing on recommendation to deny Food Establishment Business License ID #137271 for Kaye Flores, owner of Brio Café located at 2009 Lake Avenue, Altadena, CA 91001 in the Fifth District. (10-2377)

Vice President Campbell recused herself from the hearing; the applicant was a former client. President Afriat and Commissioner Vasquez acted as hearing officers.

Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector, reported that the Food Establishment application is being recommended for denial by the Department of Regional Planning. Jolene Ramos, Regional Planning stated that the application was received in their office on April 19, 2010. Correspondence was sent to the applicant requesting copies of building permits from Building and Safety to verify that the property has been approved for use as a food establishment. Ms. Ramos reported the denial was based on inactivity by the applicant.

Kaye Flores, Owner, stated that the business has relocated and has decided to forego the plans to open a restaurant. She plans to operate a coffee cart with packaged food in front of the new location.

Action Taken: President Afriat and Commissioner Vasquez agreed to place on the November 3, 2010 Consent Calendar, their recommendation to refer the item back to the Treasurer and Tax Collector.

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III. REPORTS

4. Commissioners' Comments

The next meeting is scheduled for November 3, 2010.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Public Comment

There were none.

Adjournment

The Commission adjourned at 10:07 a.m.